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Ballot Summary

HB 1261 Election Ballots by Rep. Corcoran, Legg, and Young

We live in a constitutional democracy in which sovereignty resides with the people. The people have a right to change their constitution, and the people's legislative representatives have a right to present to them constitutional amendments. It is imperative that the people of Florida have the ability to exercise their right to vote on constitutional amendments proposed by the legislature.

Key Points:

- The bill will enhance the opportunity for Floridians to vote on amendments to their constitution proposed by their elected representatives.
- This bill only addresses those amendments proposed by the legislature and does not address amendments proposed in any other manner.
- The bill does not change the law regarding initiative petitions.
- The bill does not reduce the authority of the courts to review legislative amendments.
- The bill does not allow inaccurate or misleading ballot titles or summaries to appear on the ballot.
 - The bill explicitly requires a ballot summary to be a clear and unambiguous statement of the chief purpose of the amendment.
- In order to provide a fair opportunity to file legal challenges to joint resolutions adopted this session, the bill requires challenges to be filed within 30 days after a joint resolution is submitted to the Secretary of State or within 30 days after this bill becomes law, whichever occurs later.

LAST SEEN:

**Passed favorably by
the Judiciary
Committee on
4/14/2011**



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**Will be rolled
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